

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In the office action dated July 12, 2004, the examiner set forth an election/restriction requirement requiring election of either Group I, consisting of claims 1 through 8, Group II, consisting of claims 9 through 19, and Group III consisting of claims 20 through 23.

Applicant hereby elects Group II (claims 9 through 19), but respectfully traverses the Examiner's restriction with respect to Group I claims. Group I has one independent claim, claim 1, from which dependent claims 2 through 8 depend. Independent claim 1, includes a common element with independent claim 9 of the Group II claims, *i.e.* a socket contact including a second end having a contact pad of a complex geometry that is configured to enable placement and electrical coupling of a component between the socket contact and a substraight. Accordingly, applicant believes that the claims of Group I should be prosecuted with the elected Claims of Group II, and respectfully requests that the Group 1 claims along with the Group II claims.

CONCLUSION

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge shortages or credit overpayments to Deposit Account No. 500393.

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